

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The office action mailed June 19, 2007, has been carefully reviewed, and these remarks are responsive to that office action. Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Bergsten et al (US 2003/0001907).

Claims 1-20 remain in this application. Claims 1, 2, 7, 9-14, and 19-20 are currently amended, and claim 21 is new.

Bergsten does not support a proper prima facie case of anticipation of claim 1 because Bergsten does not disclose: (1) "the first sequential subfolder being displayable in the form of a carousel," and (2) "a fixed focus pointer configured to select one of the plurality of elements of the main folder in response to interaction of a user; and at least one moveable focus pointer configured to scroll through the plurality of elements of the at least first sequential subfolder to select one of the plurality of elements in response to interaction of a user."

On pages 2-3 of the office action, paragraphs 11, 21, and 25 of Bergsten are cited as showing "a fixed focus pointer that selects one of the plurality of elements of the main folder in response to interaction of a user; and at least one moveable focus pointer that scrolls through the plurality of elements of the at least first sequential subfolder to select one of the plurality of elements in response to interaction of a user."

Bergsten does not, however, show a fixed focus pointer and at least one moveable focus pointer of the types recited in claim 1. Bergsten discloses a user interface that has vertical and horizontal bars that intersect at a focus panel into which particular panels may be shifted. (Bergsten, par. 11 and 25). Bergsten discloses that panels are shifted into the focus panel. But Bergsten does not disclose that the focus panel moves. As such, Bergsten does not disclose "a fixed focus pointer configured to select one of the plurality of elements of the main folder in response to interaction of a user; and at least one moveable focus pointer configured to scroll through the plurality of elements of the at least first sequential subfolder to select one of the plurality of elements in response to interaction of a user."

On page 3 of the office action, paragraph 25 of Bergsten is cited as showing that the elements of the first sequential subfolder are "presented in a form of a carousel in the sense that they repeat and circulate."

Bergsten does not, however, show that the first sequential subfolder is displayable in the form of a carousel. Instead, as discussed above, Bergsten discloses a user interface that has vertical and horizontal bars that intersect at a focus panel into which particular panels may be shifted. (Bergsten, par. 11 and 25). Bergsten discloses that panels are shifted into the focus panel. But Bergsten does not disclose displaying the panels in the form of a carousel. In other words, regardless of whether the panels in the disclosed horizontal and vertical bars circulate and repeat, Bergsten does not disclose displaying the vertical and horizontal bars as carousels.

For at least the foregoing reasons, Bergsten does not anticipate claim 1.

Claim 20 contains limitations that are analogous to the limitations of claim 1 discussed above. Therefore, Bergsten does not anticipate claim 20 for at least reasons similar to the reasons discussed above in connection with claim 1.

Claims 2-19 and 21 properly depend upon independent claim 1 or 20 and are, therefore, not anticipated by Bergsten for at least the reasons discussed above in connection with claims 1 and 20.

Bergsten does not support a proper prima facie case of anticipation of claim 4 because Bergsten does not disclose "the buffer element is placed in the middle of a rear carousel segment." On page 3 of the office action, paragraph 11 of Bergsten is cited as showing "the buffer element is placed in the middle of a rear carousel segment." Bergsten does not, however, disclose displaying elements in the form of a carousel, let alone presenting a buffer element placed in the middle of a rear carousel segment. Paragraph 11 is silent with respect such a carousel, rear carousel segment, and a buffer element placed in the middle of such a rear carousel segment. For at least the foregoing additional reasons, Bergsten does not anticipate claim 4.

Bergsten does not support a proper prima facie case of anticipation of claim 8 because Bergsten does not disclose "a diameter of the carousel is adjustable." On page 3 of the office action, paragraph 11 of Bergsten is cited as showing "a diameter of the carousel is adjustable."

Paragraph 11 of Bergsten does not, however, disclose such an adjustable carousel diameter. For at least the foregoing additional reasons, Bergsten does not anticipate claim 8.

Bergsten does not support a proper prima facie case of anticipation of claim 9 because Bergsten does not disclose "the diameter of the carousel is adjustable as a function of the number of the plurality of elements of the first sequential subfolder." On page 4 of the office action, paragraph 25 of Bergsten is cited as showing that the diameter of the carousel is adjustable as a function of the number of the plurality of elements of the first sequential subfolder. Paragraph 25 of Bergsten does not, however, disclose a carousel diameter that is adjustable as a function of the number of elements of the first sequential subfolder. For at least the foregoing additional reasons, Bergsten does not anticipate claim 9.

Bergsten does not support a proper prima facie case of anticipation of claim 19 because Bergsten does not disclose that "the carousel is configured to rotate on its axis." On page 5 of the office action, paragraph 25 of Bergsten is cited as showing that the carousel rotates on its axis. Paragraph 25 of Bergsten does not, however, disclose a carousel that rotates on any axis. For at least the foregoing additional reasons, Bergsten does not anticipate claim 19.

Claim 21 contains a limitation that is analogous to the limitation of claim 19 discussed above. Therefore, Bergsten does not anticipate claim 21 for at least reasons similar to the reasons discussed above in connection with claim 19.

CONCLUSION

Applicant believes there is no fee associated with the filing of this response, however, should there be a fee due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees or credit any overpayment of fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

All rejections having been addressed, applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests issuance of a notice of allowance.

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